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For: DEFINING FORM FORMATS)
WITH LAYOUT ITEMS THAT)
PRESENT DATA OF BUSINESS)
APPLICATION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of our knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner considers the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicants have provided an English translation of EP 0 230994 B1. For reference DE 4308291, Applicants provided an English language translation and submit that the relevance of this document is stated in the specification. Reference DE

4216893 C2 is the German language priority document of U.S. Patent No. 5,857,034 to Tsuchiya et al.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

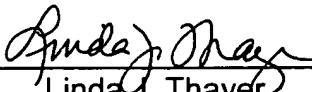
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	US 5,857,034	Jan. 5, 1999	Tsuchiya et al.	G 06 K 9/78 382/175		May 20, 1992

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EP 0230994 B1	Aug. 05, 1987	Europe	G06 F 15/20		Yes (translation from German provided)
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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